

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 8/3/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4,6,8,10,12,14,16,18,20,22,24,26,28,30 and 32.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☒ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 01/11/2002
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 07/25/2006
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.


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DETAILED ACTION

Notice To Applicant

1. This communication is in response to the amendment filed on 08/3/2006. Claims 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, and 33 have been cancelled. Claims 1-4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, and 32 are in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, and 32 are allowed.

The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

3. Claims 1 is directed to a system for aiding to make a medical care schedule and/or record comprising:

- (a) a plurality of files each for including medical care data indicating one of a plurality of types of medical care actions, which are set in advance, in

- correlation with execution timing data indicating an execution timing of each one of the medical care actions;
- (b) a display controlling device for (i) generating first display data to display the medical care data composing the medical care schedule and/or record for one patient in a format of a medical care schedule and record table; (ii) arranging the medical care data in first rows for each type of the medical care actions and in second rows orthogonal to said first rows for each date, as for only part of the types of medical care actions for said one patient and as for only a partial period of a whole period of the medical care schedule and/or record for said one patient, on the basis of the medical care data and the execution timing data included in said files; and (iii) generating second display data to display a table identification mark information individually for each part of the types of medical care actions, which is to identify the medical care schedule and record table for said one patient, as a patient chronological table exclusive for said one patient in which the table identification mark information is arranged at a position corresponding to the partial period on a time axis indicating the whole period of the medical care schedule and/or record;
- (c) a display device for displaying the medical care schedule and record table on the basis of the first display data, and displaying the patient chronological table on the basis of the second display data; and

- (d) a selecting device for selecting one of a plurality of table identification mark information under a condition that the patient chronological table comprising the plurality of table identification mark information is displayed by said display device;
- (e) said plurality of files being correlated with one or a plurality of medical care schedule and record tables, each of which are identified by said plurality of table identification mark information and each of which can be displayed by said display device;
- (f) said display controlling device taking out the file or files correlated with the medical care schedule and record table identified by the table identification mark information selected by said selecting device, to thereby generate the first display data by using the medical care data stored in the taken out file or files;
- (g) one of said plurality of medical care schedule and record tables, which corresponds to the table identification mark information, being selected by said selecting device;
- (h) the selected one of the medical care schedule and record tables being displayed by said display device on the basis of the generated first display data.

The closest prior art of record, Kameda Medical Information Laboratory (EP 0 784 283 A1) teaches a system for generating a medical schedule, wherein a first flag is

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generated if a medical care action was completed and a second flag if the medical care action was not completed.

Kameda does not disclose generating second display data to display a table identification mark information individually for each part of the types of medical care actions, which is to identify the medical care schedule and record table for said one patient, as a patient chronological table exclusive for said one patient in which the table identification mark information is arranged at a position corresponding to the partial period on a time axis indicating the whole period of the medical care schedule and/or record, as recited in claim 1.

4. Independent claims 30 and 32 recite the same limitations of independent method claim 1, but as a program storage device and a method, respectively. As such, the closest prior art of record, Kameda Medical Information Laboratory (EP 0 784 283 A1), neither discloses a program storage device nor a method that recites generating second display data to display a table identification mark information individually for each part of the types of medical care actions, which is to identify the medical care schedule and record table for said one patient, as a patient chronological table exclusive for said one patient in which the table identification mark information is arranged at a position corresponding to the partial period on a time axis indicating the whole period of the medical care schedule and/or record.

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5. Dependent claims 2-4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, and 28 incorporate the features of claim 1 through dependency and therefore, are also allowed for the same reasons given above.

6. Any comments considered necessary by Applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delay, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


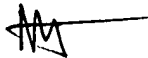
7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mike Tomaszewski whose telephone number is (571)272-8117. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:00 am - 3:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Thomas can be reached on (571)272-6776. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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